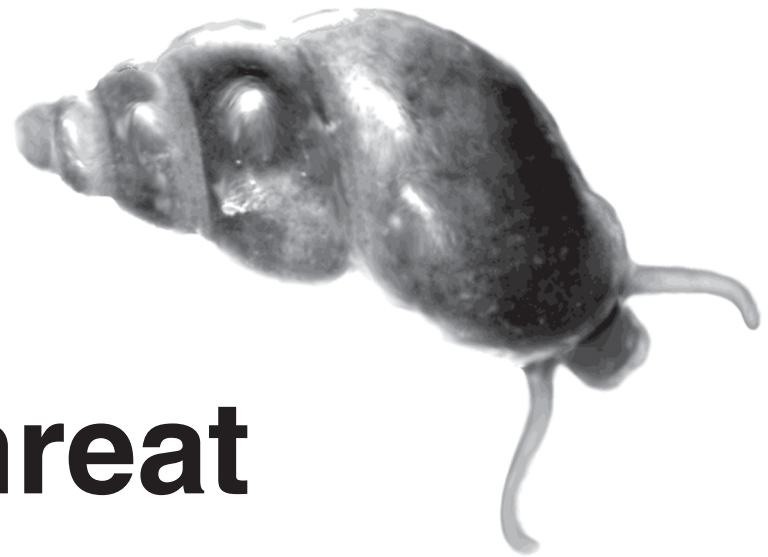




# Caution!

## Don't Spread New Zealand Mudsnails

Snails range in size from a grain of sand to  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in length and are black or brown in color.



## The Threat

- ❖ Rapid reproduction of this invader can lead to densities of 1 million per square yard. A single snail could result in the production of more than 40 million snails in one year.
- ❖ They outcompete and replace native invertebrates that are the preferred foods of fish.
- ❖ They can cause drastic, harmful changes in the native plant and animal food web of streams and lakes.

## What You Can Do

- ❖ If you wade, freeze waders and other gear overnight (at least 6 hours).
- ❖ Have extra waders and boots that are used only in infested waters. Store them separately.
- ❖ After leaving the water, inspect waders, boots, float tubes, boats/trailers—any gear used in the water. Remove visible snails with a stiff brush and follow with rinsing. If possible, freeze or completely dry out any wet gear.
- ❖ Never transport live fish or other aquatic animals or plants from one water to another.